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Between 18 and 25 May 1951, three ships of the Soviet merchant fleet departed from Novorossiisk for the ports of Poti and Batumi. The ships were loaded with paratroop supplies, including small artillery pieces, motorcycles, and machine guns, all unassembled, and ammunition in sacks. An eye-witness stated that the material was sufficient to equip two paratroop brigades. The ships did not, however, carry any airborne troops.

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